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We nad a delegation meeting in the Embassy at 9:30 this morning. The special advisers are Messrs. Aldrich, Bowie, Bruce, Conant, Dillon, Hensel, Hughes, McCardle and Merchant.

It was considered wise for the United States not to take any definite position at the outset of the meeting, and to leave the initiative to the Europeans.

I had a number of conversations with our own people during the day, lunched at the Chandos Grill, and went to the Embassy residence at 6:30, where the Secretary, Merchant, Bowie and myself met Messrs. Spaak, Bech, Beyen, Stikker, and Van Starkenborgh. The Benelux Ministers said they did not trust Mendès, but it was essential to reach an agreement with him. We had some discussion of controlled armament production, procedural and other matters. I am to conduct the liaison with the Benelux delegations.

Tonight I dined with Harriet and Winthrop. The other special advisers were there, and a few wives. Foster took me off to the library after dinner. He said what he had in mind regarding a position for me in Washington was something along the line of being an Ambassador-at-Large (much like Phil Jessup's job). He needed someone to help him in Washington and also to represent the United States Government in his place at many of the international conferences, now so frequent. I expressed my appreciation, but repeated the declination already conveyed to him by letter.

We then talked of conference problems, and dwelt at some length on the Saar. Mendès has indicated he would like to find a solution within the framework of the Brussels pact; Adenauer is said to regard this suggestion as unacceptable, and still insists the Saar, if it is to be Europeanized, must be supervised by a supranational authority.

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